

BRADFORD FAMILY PAPERS
1830-1895

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INTRODUCTION

The Bradford Family Papers, 1830-1895, are centered around Frederick Bradford (- 1866), Nashville, Tennessee, farmer. The originals are the property of Mrs. Ruby (Bradford) Yeargin, Nashville, Tennessee. They were brought for copying by Mrs. Chapin W. (Glenn R.) Plumer, Nashville, Tennessee.

The collection consists of approximately 100 items, and single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Bradford Family Papers may be made for purposes of individual or scholarly research.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Bradford Family Papers numbering approximately 100 items, are composed of accounts, correspondence, invitations, funeral notices, legal documents, (agreements, land records, estate papers), memoranda, memorabilia, and newspaper clippings for the period 1830-1895. The materials in this collection at the State Library and Archives are copies of the originals loaned for copying.

The bulk of the material is composed of family correspondence, primarily letters written to Frederick Bradford by his brother Robert, his sisters, Evalina, Mary, and Louise, his brother-in-law, Alfred Hume (husband of his sister, Louise), his children, Elizabeth (Lizzie), Lina, John, and Edward, and other relatives in Arkansas, John Cowdon, and J. L. Driver. There are a few letters concerning business affairs written by C. Pickett and W. H. Temple. Zachariah Baker wrote of social affairs in Gallatin, Tennessee, and preparations for a camp meeting.

The most valuable letters are those written by Frederick Bradford's two sons, John and Edward, members of the 20th Tennessee Volunteers, Confederate State of America. They were first at Camp Trousdale. The letters of both soldiers contain information concerning conditions and life at the camp where they were stationed from May to August 1861. After this time the letters show that the brothers were sent to the following places: Cumberland Gap; Camp King (about one mile from Bristol); Camp Barry (about two miles from Knoxville); Camp Zollicoffer (near Wheeler's Gap in Campbell County, Tennessee; Camp Cumberland, Kentucky (fifteen miles from the Tennessee state line); Camp Buckner (Knox County, Kentucky); Tullahoma, Tennessee; a camp ten miles from Atlanta; and Camp Chase (a prison camp), Ohio, January 1865.

The last letter of Edward is dated May 16, 1863, from Fairfield (Bedford County, Tennessee). John's last letter was written from prison camp in Ohio. Other members of the family wrote about family news and business. The originals of these letters are the property of Mrs. Ruby Bradford Yeargin, Nashville, Tennessee.

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